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This is a notice regarding the request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission (properly considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.28) filed 5 December, 2005

On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. 1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989). Therefore, nothing in this notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.28 hereby is **ACCEPTED**

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